

These National Urban Search and Rescue Task Force functional courses are usually delivered under contract to the 28 US&R teams. Course materials may be requested by writing to the US&R Program Office at DHS/FEMA, 500 C Street, SW, Washington, DC 20472 Attn: Richard Brown.

US&R Incident Support Team Training Course:

The primary purpose of this course is to provide functional training to the Task Force members who serve on an Incident Support Team. Specifically, the course objectives are to:

1. Describe the Federal Response Plan and the relationship of the IST to other ESF-9 resources and the state and local response efforts;
2. Describe the IST concept of operations during an IST deployment;
3. Identify the requirements, duties, and responsibilities of the appropriate functional position on the IST;
4. Describe the action-planning process and demonstrate the IST role in the process;
5. Perform assigned position tasks using the appropriate equipment from the IST Equipment Cache;
6. Demonstrate knowledge, skills, and abilities by successful participation in a simulated IST deployment exercise;
7. Exercise the procedures and guidelines described in the IST Operations Manual; and
8. 8. Evaluate and recommend improvements to the IST Training Course and IST forms.